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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 LAYNA CROFTS,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-1365JLR

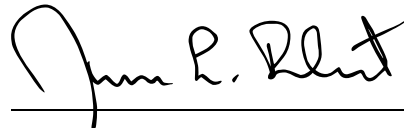
ORDER

15 The court is in receipt of *pro se* Plaintiffs Layna Crofts and Jeremy Sanders's
16 (collectively, "Plaintiffs") motion for permission for Mr. Sanders "to withdraw as
17 co-counsel." (Mot. (Dkt. # 62).) Because Mr. Sanders represents himself *pro se*, he
18 cannot serve as "co-counsel" for Ms. Crofts. *See, e.g., Simon v. Hartford Life, Inc.*, 546
19 F.3d 661, 664 (9th Cir. 2008) ("It is well established that the privilege to represent
20 oneself *pro se* . . . is personal to the litigant and does not extend to other parties or
21 entities."). By the same logic, Ms. Crofts cannot serve as counsel for Mr. Sanders. *See*
22 *id.*

1 The court thus construes Plaintiffs' motion as a motion to voluntarily dismiss Mr.
2 Sanders's claims. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2) provides that, after the
3 opposing party has filed an answer or a motion for summary judgment, a plaintiff may
4 dismiss an action by court order, on terms that the court considers proper. Fed. R. Civ. P.
5 41(a)(2). Here, the court finds dismissal of Mr. Sanders' claims appropriate. Ms. Crofts'
6 claims remain.

7 Accordingly, the court GRANTS Plaintiffs' motion for permission for Mr. Sanders
8 "to withdraw as co-counsel," which the court construes as a motion to voluntarily dismiss
9 Mr. Sanders's claims. (Dkt. # 62.) The court DIRECTS the Clerk to terminate Mr.
10 Sanders as a plaintiff in this action.

11 Dated this 29th day of March, 2019.

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14 The Honorable James L. Robart
15 U.S. District Court Judge
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